

Dred Scott Decision

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Dred Scott

Dred Scott was a slave in Missouri,
who traveled to Illinois.
He was born into slavery.



Why He Went to Court

Dred Scott went to court because he went to Illinois which was a free state, with his owner. While he was there he went to trial to sue for his freedom. His case ended up in the supreme court.



Supreme Court Decision

The outcome was that the Supreme Court didn't want African American/Slaves, or those who aren't slaves but are black, couldn't be citizens of the United States and couldn't sue the Federal Court. The Missouri Compromise was said to be unconstitutional. It was unconstitutional because slaves were restricted property.

Basis of the Decision

The basis of the supreme court was that he was black so he wasn't a citizen so he had no right to be sueing. Also the court was biases because seven of them were appointed by pro-slavery presidents, and five of them owned slaves themselves.

South's Reaction

Some of the Southerners, some of which are slave owners, were ok with the idea of having slavery. Saying that the decision was right & that they found the argument unanswerable. But when they learned of some opposing opinions from the North, they said those who did not agree must accept this opinion or else there would be disunion.

North's Reaction

The north was enraged by the decision because this made it so all slaves couldn't sue for their freedom.